

WALZ AND EVERYBODY'S WINNERS; COMMERCIAL LEAGUE IS OPENED

President Pelphrey Is Presented With Fob Before Pitching First "Strike;" Chacon Joins Walz as Mate to Villareal; Mexicans Grab Opening Game by Small Margin; Second Game Is Poor.

Commercial League Standings

Team	Won	Lost	Pct.
Everybodies	1	0	1.000
Walz	1	0	1.000
Feldmanns	0	1	.000
Puritys	0	1	.000
Seventh Infantry	0	1	.000
Krackajacks	0	1	.000

BY "BECK"

WALZ and Everybodies are off in front in the Commercial League pennant race by virtue of victories over Puritys and Feldmanns, respectively, in the opening games of the league at Rio Grande park on Sunday afternoon. A crowd of about 600 fans saw the games and listened to music by a local band. Incidentally, the bandmaster was tickled with the work of his musicians that the fans feared, for a while, that the music wouldn't "let up" long enough for the announcements of the umpire and league officers.

There was a real parade before the game, all six clubs of the league being represented. On arrival at the park, the teams had a chance for a workout and then William P. Thompson took his mask and protector and walked to the plate. He had quite a wait before the musicians would consent to allow him to be heard. Then someone yelled for him to take off his cap. Bill did and displayed a shiny dome, whereupon he was commanded to put back his cap. He announced the opening of the season and the pitching of the first ball by president William Pelphrey with Art Wood, president of the first City League, behind the bat.

President Pelphrey had doffed his coat and was ready to start "beating 'em over" when league secretary Coyne came forward in a new role. He proved himself a real orator and it was evident that he had attended the circus Saturday night to gain some pointers on oratory from the speakers who announce the "great after-concert." Anyway, Mr. Coyne had the announcement stuff "down pat" and he pitched the first ball by president William Pelphrey with Art Wood, president of the first City League, behind the bat.

The volunteer battery then went on the point. Pelphrey proceeded to wind up in approved style and sent a beautiful drop over the plate. By bending, catcher Wood managed to connect. Then came the business of applause as umpire called a strike on Caro and "Soldier" Marchese leisurely strolled out from the players' bench to take the mound while "Red" Longmyre replaced Wood.

Chacon With Walz. There was some surprise when it was seen that catcher Chacon was lined up with the Walz team. Chacon has been with the Puritys and is rated as the best catcher in the league. However, the bakers have, Coleman and Longmyre, both of whom are good catchers, and they released Chacon to the Mexican team, which was his original assignment. It was the first instance of a sportsmanship shown by the bakers this year and made a hit with the fans.

Marchese was in good form and sent the photograph team down in order. "Curly" Villareal, the sturdy little flinger of the Walz team, "let it cold" with the result that he lacked

control and, getting in a hole, would have to cut the plate. With one down, Milan and Longmyre singled and then the Walz fielders proceeded to demonstrate the stunt of preventing their opponents with runs. Four errors enabled the bakers to finish the inning three runs to the good.

Walz Go to Front. Marchese, however, had his troubles coming. Linton cracked out a double to lead off and scored when Bill Medina smashed one to the left field fence for three. Medina covered disinterestedly the bakers by dumping one at the plate when they were looking for a drive. Longmyre made a bad per. First base. Medina covered while Chacon was safe. The catcher then proceeded to steal second. He took third while Gomez was being retired and came home on a wild pitch. Mesa fanned but Villareal located one for a single. Caro walked and both runners advanced on a passed ball while a wild pitch let Villareal home, amid considerable din from the Mexican fans in the bleachers. Milan fanned, ending the inning but the Mexicans had a one-run lead.

The bakers tied the score in the second. Alysworth walked, stole second and scored on Mortimer's single after Marchese was thrown out at first. Milan fanned and Longmyre popped to Villareal.

After that Villareal was never in danger. He didn't allow the semblance of a hit for the rest of the game and was better in the seventh inning than at any previous time in the game. The Walz team won the game in the sixth when Medina got his second hit, a single. Chacon sacrificed; Gomez fanned but Mesa singled, scoring Medina. Villareal poled one to deep center field, but Roy Davis got under it.

Altogether the Mexicans made seven fielding errors and the work of Villareal stands out all the more prominent because of this. The youngsters in question the star flinger of the league right now and with Chacon behind the bat, the Walz team will make the others hustle. They really need another pitcher, however, for too much reliance must not be placed on Villareal.

The box score follows:

Team	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Walz	9	2	1	2	2	2
Minjares	9	1	2	3	2	2
Caro	4	0	0	0	1	0
Medina	2	1	1	0	0	0
Chacon	2	1	0	0	1	1
Gomez	2	0	0	0	0	0
Mesa	3	0	1	0	0	0
Villareal	3	1	1	1	0	0
Totals	23	5	7	23	12	7

Puritys. AB. R. H. PO. A. E. Mortimer, 3b, 4 0 1 1 1 0. Longmyre, 1b, 4 0 1 3 2 1. Milan, 2b, 4 0 1 3 2 1. Longmyre, 1b, 4 0 1 3 2 1. Leyva, 2b, 4 0 1 3 2 1. Coleman, 2b, 4 0 1 3 2 1. Davis, 2b, 4 0 1 3 2 1. Ayresworth, 2b, 4 0 1 3 2 1. Marchese, p, 4 0 0 0 1 0. Totals, 28 0 4 23 11 2. Hits, 28. Errors, 7. Double, 1. Three base hit, Medina; stolen bases, Chacon. Ayresworth, Minjares; sacrifice hit, Chacon; struck out by Villareal, 7, by Marchese 2; first base on balls, off Villareal 2, off Marchese 1; first base on errors, Walz 2.

RELL THE BIG FATHER—IT SEEMED HIM RIGHT—HE TOLD US THAT FRESH AIR WOULD CURE A COLD—HE GOT A PIP NOW.

MY HEAD WAS NEAR FROZE ALL WINTER FROM HIS OPEN WINDOW.

INDOOR SPORTS—SYMPATHIZING WITH THE FRESH AIR HOUND WHO GOT A COLD HIMSELF (FROM THE GUMMERS).

Paritys 2; left on base, Walz 4; Puritys 2; wild pitches, Marchese 2; passed ball, Longmyre; time of game 1:20; umpire, Thompson.

Second Game Is Poor. The least said about the second game, the better. Manager Rix of the Feldmanns, again sent Edwards to the mound but his arm is still sore and he was retired after the first inning. Rix himself got to the mound. He did fair work but a combination of errors, hits, passed balls, etc., in the sixth was his undoing. Everybodies won, 3 to 2.

Bunson got in bad in the fifth. He was called out on strikes, lost his temper and flung his bat away. Evidently he intended to throw the bat at the side of the field but he took aim at the crowd at the end of the bleachers and that some one wasn't hurt is a wonder. The fans gave Bunson an awful roasting and insisted that he be taken out of the game. After Crab had been retired in the last of the same inning, Bunson was called back to the bench.

C. Killingsworth, "Akin Tip." In the same inning, C. Killingsworth was called out on strikes. Evidently trying to show off, he swung his bat around and let it go at the umpire. The fans immediately kicked up a fuss and he, too, was ordered off the diamond. He tried to brave it out by sitting in front of the stand but got such a panning that he took refuge in the dugout. The fans want clean baseball and the sooner the players realize the better it will be Killingsworth's offense was worse than Bunson's for the Feldmann player deliberately heaved his bat into the diamond.

The Feldmanns need a few more players and need them badly if they are going to remain in the pennant race. Right now they are the weak team of the league. Rix needs both pitchers and a catcher. Doering was not at his best, Sunday, and may improve. Edwards should not be again sent to the mound until his arm is better and Rix himself can hardly hope to contend with Commercial league pitchers who make the mound their regular station.

The box score follows:

Team	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Everybodies	9	2	1	2	2	2
Leyman, 1b	4	0	1	3	2	1
Brann, 1b	4	0	1	3	2	1
Grady, 3b	4	0	1	3	2	1
Unghingham, cf	4	0	1	3	2	1
Lawrence, 2b	4	0	1	3	2	1
Bunson, 1b	4	0	1	3	2	1
Longmyre, 1b	4	0	1	3	2	1
Lempert, 2b	4	0	1	3	2	1
Hunter, 1b	4	0	1	3	2	1
Fisher, p	4	0	1	3	2	1
Totals	36	2	11	21	12	4

Feldmanns. AB. R. H. PO. A. E. Crab, 2b, 4 0 1 3 2 1. Kenna, 2b, 4 0 1 3 2 1. Doyle, 1b, 4 0 1 3 2 1. Roberts, 1b, 4 0 1 3 2 1. Galligan, 1b, 4 0 1 3 2 1. Tatum, cf, 4 0 1 3 2 1. C. Killingsworth, 1b, 4 0 1 3 2 1. Hudson, 1b, 4 0 1 3 2 1. Doering, 1b, 4 0 1 3 2 1. Mackie, 1b, 4 0 1 3 2 1. Edwards, 1b, 4 0 1 3 2 1. Mason, 1b, 4 0 1 3 2 1. Rix, p, 4 0 0 0 1 0. Totals, 36 0 4 23 11 2. Hits, 36. Errors, 7. Double, 1. Three base hit, Edwards; stolen bases, Chacon. Ayresworth, Minjares; sacrifice hit, Chacon; struck out by Villareal, 7, by Marchese 2; first base on balls, off Villareal 2, off Marchese 1; first base on errors, Walz 2.

Summary—Innings pitched by Edwards 1, by Rix 6; runs off Edwards 2, off Rix 6; hits, 11; errors, 4; stolen bases, Chacon; home runs, Leyman, stolen bases, Hunter, Tatum, Brann, Galligan, Grady, Longmyre, C. Killingsworth, Rix, Mason, Roberts 2, Cunningham; sacrifice hits, Brann 2, struck out, by Fisher 13, by Rix 5; first base on balls, off Fisher 3, off Rix 2; wild pitches, Rix 2; passed balls, by Lawrence 2; Doering 1; time of game, 1:20; umpire, W. E. Thompson.

COAST LEAGUE. SUNDAY'S GAMES. At Salt Lake City. R. H. E. Oakland 12 12 1. Salt Lake 3 9 1. Batteries: Oakland, Martin and Killett; Salt Lake, Hughes and Hannum.

At San Francisco. R. H. E. Portland 4 9 1. San Francisco 10 9 2. Batteries: Portland, Sothern, Noyes and Fisher; San Francisco, Corbett, Allen, Brown and Sepulveda.

(Afternoon game) R. H. E. San Francisco 6 9 1. Portland 10 9 2. Batteries: Portland, Sothern, Noyes and Fisher; San Francisco, Corbett, Allen, Brown and Sepulveda.

At Los Angeles (morning game) R. H. E. Vernon 6 9 1. Los Angeles 6 9 2. Batteries: Vernon, E. Johnson, Hitt and Mitter; Los Angeles, Schorr and Bales, Bannister.

(Afternoon game) R. H. E. Vernon 6 9 1. Los Angeles 6 9 2. Batteries: Vernon, E. Johnson, Hitt and Mitter; Los Angeles, Schorr and Bales, Bannister.

HE'S TRYING TO CURE IT WITH THE BLACK BOTTLE.

YE-AN—WHEN HE CROAKS THEY'LL JUST POUR HIM BACK INTO THE BOTTLE.

I KNOW IT WON'T DO LIKE ATTA GUY'S BAD LUCK BUT THERE'S ONE BIRD WHO HAD IT COMIN' TO HIM.

GOOD—NA—I'M GONNA LINE IN A HOTHOUSE AFTER THIS.

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"BECK'S" Amen Corner BY "BECK"

TWO little incidents marked Sunday's doubleheader of the Commercial league rather unfavorably. When Bunson flung his bat into the bleachers, there was no doubt that he had no intention of hurting anyone, but he should get a better grasp of his temper. The incident where C. Killingsworth featured by flinging his bat at the umpire was even more serious than the Bunson case. Bunson's roasting from the fans is really enough punishment for him but Killingsworth should be laid off for a couple of weeks as a lesson.

WILLIAM P. THOMPSON made his debut as an umpire on Sunday. When the fans saw the little fellow strut around the diamond they began to have visions of real umpiring for Thompson handled himself well. However, his judgment of balls and strikes was very bad and he lacks authority. For all his faults, Ed Mackey in the better man Mackey needs more ginger on the diamond but his decisions are good.

BOB BURMAN, one of the famous figures in automobile racing, met his death, with two other men, on the treacherous Corona course, Saturday afternoon. Tel Corona course has been the death scene of many speed merchants and it is unlikely that any future races will be held there. So many speedways are now available that it is likely auto racing will be confined to proper courses in future.

TALK of preparedness and of other rifle clubs has brought out the information that there are already two clubs which are holding fairly frequent shoots in this city. The Smelter Rifle club was organized about a year ago but very little has been heard about it. However, it appears that the Smelter riflemen and the El Paso Rifle club have been joining for shoots on the Smelter range for the past few months.

MAJOR league clubs get under way this week and the baseball fans will have a chance to see how the various teams shape up. So many changes have been made this spring, as a result of the addition of Federal league stars to the American and National league teams, that there may be some big upsets in the dope this year.

WHEN the Rio Grande league opened in El Paso a year ago there was considerable fun over the huge score hung up in the opening contest but after reading about Sunday's game at Topeka, when the Topeka team of the Western league won from the Detroit Tigers by a score of 20 to 12 and where 38 hits were made, we are of the opinion that bad scores will happen with the best regulated teams.

HARRY KANE was out at Rio Grande park on Sunday, bidding farewell to his friends. Harry leaves this week to take his position as umpire in the Western league.

BASEBALL fans will have no kick coming next Sunday about scarcity of baseball games. There will be a morning contest at Rio Grande park between the Krackajacks and the Seventh Infantry, probably with a band in attendance, and a doubleheader in the afternoon.

ST. LOUIS NATIONALS WIN CITY CHAMPIONSHIP. St. Louis, Mo., April 16.—The St. Louis Nationals won the city championship from the St. Louis Americans by taking the fifth game of the city series here Sunday, 8 to 4. Extra base hits of Williams and Cramer gave a total of 14 hits helped the Nationals to a big lead. Sales relieved Meadows in the eighth and checked a rally by the Americans. Score: R. H. E. St. Louis Nationals, 8 01 025—12 2. St. Louis Americans, 4 00 010—4 5 1. Batteries: Nationals, Meadows, Sullivan and Gorman; Americans, Williams, Crandall, McCabe and Bartley.

BURMAN KILLED IN CORONA RACE Dies in Hospital After Accident; Mechanician and Truck Guard Killed.

Corona, Cal., April 16.—Three are dead and five injured as a result of the Corona automobile road race last Saturday. The dead are Bob Burman, noted automobile driver, Eric Schroeder, his mechanic, and W. H. Speer, a track guard.

The accident occurred on the 9th lap. A wheel flew off Burman's car and the racing machine crashed through a fence and into the crowd. Schroeder was thrown 80 feet. Speer was struck by the car and instantly killed. Burman was taken to the city hospital at Riverside, where he died. Mrs. Burman was with him.

Immediately after the accident, Burman was taken to the council chamber of the Corona city hall and placed on a cot. A woman, who later gave the name of Mrs. Mary Clark, stopped beside the cot for a moment. Later Mrs. Burman accused the woman of having taken from the clothing of the injured racer a diamond pin valued at \$200. Police searched the woman and found the jewel hidden under her coat.

The Corona race was won by Eddie O'Donnell, who covered the course of 301 miles in three hours, 29 minutes and 52 seconds. Joe Thomas was second, 3:39.1, and Eddie Pollock third, 3:53.26. Teddy Tetiaff was fourth and R. C. Durant fifth.

The body of Burman will be sent today to Emory City, Minn., for burial. Schroeder's body was sent to St. Louis, Mo. Five spectators who were injured when the car crashed through the fence were reported to be recovering.

Mrs. Burman received from all parts of the country telegrams of sympathy from friends and admirers of Burman.

PITTSBURG TEAM RELEASES PITTSBURG, Pa., April 16.—Announcement was made here that pitcher Blatterly has been released by the Pittsburgh National league club to the Marshalltown, Iowa, club in the Central association.

DR. VANCE TOPS TRAP SHOOTERS

Medico Misses Only One of 50 Targets; Mohler Also Has Good String.

Twenty-one runners took part in the weekly shoot of the Rio City Gun club on the traps near the County club Sunday morning, and again very creditable scores were hung up. The conditions were more favorable for good shooting than for several weeks.

Dr. James Vance, who appears to have deserted his medical for the shotgun, had the high percentage, leading only one shot in a string of 25. Dr. Mohler also had a good string, getting 12 out of 25, while Dave Crockett hung up 9 out of 100.

Young Herbert Rand continues to show improvement and the youngster dropped 25 targets out of 25. This is much better shooting than many of the men are doing. The scores in the doubling were hardly up to standard. Dr. K. Mohler was the leader with 19 out of 21 while W. J. Rand was second with 17 out of 22.

The full scores follow:

Team	Shot	Break
W. J. Rand	17	22
R. K. Allen	16	21
Dave Crockett	9	100
Y. B. Andrews	12	25
R. K. Mohler	12	25
W. B. Vander	11	25
W. B. Spelton	10	25
Mrs. C. E. Wharton	10	25
Sam N. Matson	7	25
R. B. Reddick	6	25
E. P. Hughes	5	25
Mrs. E. Y. Mohler	5	25
James (Triple)	4	25
G. Sullivan	3	25
R. E. DeFovosmont	2	25
A. H. Hushaw	2	25
Jim Paul	1	25
J. Shand	1	25

HARDWARE TEAMS PLAY SCORELESS THE CONTEST. The Mossen-Dunnigan-Ryan and the Mine and Smelter company baseball teams played a seven inning scoreless game at Washington park on Sunday morning. Mossen-Ryan hit the Mine and Smelter batters 4 fouls while the Mossens located Adkins' shoots for seven safeties.

The scores:

Team	R	H	E
Mine and Smelter	0	0	0
Mossen-Dunnigan-Ryan	0	0	0

Batteries: Mossen, Adkins and Galloway.

KENTUCKY FUTURITY IAS 932 COMINATIONS NOW. Lexington, Ky., April 16.—The Kentucky Trotting Horse Writers association Sunday announced that the Kentucky futurity for nominations than in past years. These have been entered 1,265 individual nominations, headed by Patchen Wilkes stock farm, Lexington, Ky. with an even 100 mare, of which 25 are foal. The stallion, Prince of the Great Sea, who recent changed owners, although 30 years of age at \$50,000.

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